



Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Singers: St. Paul's Choir

Readers: Larry Brockelbank, Fran Hill

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela and Rick

WELCOME /CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: VU# 652 "Be Still My Soul"

1. Be still my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.
2. Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.
3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our striving all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Larry Brockelbank

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#82 "Bathe Me in Your Light O God"

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

THEME CONVERSATION

HYMN: "Like a Rock"

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

PRESENTATION OF U.C.W. 60 YEARS OF SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO HELEN FRENCH MARION CLUTE, AND JOAN GOODFELLOW by Barb Carswell, U.C.W President



SCRIPTURE READINGS: John 4:4-15; Acts 9:36-42; Acts 16:11-15 read by Fran Hill

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS/ANTHEM: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

SUNG RESPONSE: MV# 150 (v 3) "Loving God"

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer. Reaching out, joining hands as we share, we seek your guidance through friendship and care. Loving God, be our prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Larry Brockelbank

CLOSING HYMN: VU# 562 "Jesus Calls Us"

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."
2. Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us: by your mercies, Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: MV# 154 Deep in Our Hearts (vs. 1, 2)

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision,
deep in our hearts there is a common song,
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose,
deep in our hearts there is a common goal,
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

POSTLUDE: Please wait for the choir to recess before leaving the sanctuary.